



**Board of Directors Agenda
Texas Aquatic Plant Management Society
October 23, 2023
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**

Members Present: Brittany Chesser, Haley Kokel, Kristina Tolman, Thomas Decker, Casey Williams, Kelly Duffie, Olivia Ybarra, Ryan O'Hanlon

Members Absent: Anthony Walker and Cory Smith

Updates:

- Haley created a draft program. Kristina to send edits.
- Two spots open – 20 mins each.
 - Trent to fill one spot – presentation on mechanical harvesting
 - Casey to fill the other spot - presentation on Potamogeton habitat characteristics
 - Submit abstracts to Haley ASAP
- CEUs have been approved by TDA.
- 3 Student Presenter Submissions (2 UNT and 1 TX State) and 1 additional student are registered to attend
- 55 registered attendees; 3 banquet only guests; 14 sponsors

Plant ID Game:

- Create a matrix and try to ID the plant that is at a sponsor table.
- Each sponsor table will have a photo of a plant. Intended to encourage attendees to approach tables. Need a prize (drink tickets, \$100 gift card).
- Set time to complete the ID. First to complete wins.
- Kelly to brainstorm on Plant ID Game and send finalized details to BOD.
- Sponsors to be notified a week prior (by November 8th)

Sponsor Posters: Copy Corner in College Station OR Texas State University to print. The venue may have easels. Reference fast signs estimate: *last year* 11qty – 12x18”; 3qty 30x22; 1qty 1’x1’.

Program Printing: Copy Corner (2021 and 2022) Printed agendas/programs (\$6.76/booklet *last year's price*); if TAPMS uses again Haley will pick-up printed items

Raffle Items: Kelly providing 7 items, 6 items from Patagonia, Kristina providing Columbia cooler, Sponsors will provide items

Membership Survey:



- Polling: Likes/Dislikes; purpose of attending; CEU credit; types of CEU classes; places to stay
- Survey: Haley has a list of 2024 meeting locations
- Conroe is a high priority location (it is also the most expensive)
- Are members willing to secure their own accommodations?

Board Member Status:

- Leaving: Thomas, Casey, and Brittany
- Thomas has individuals in mind (Jessica and Jacob from TPWD)
- Need to recruit 3 new board members Treasurer, Editor, Secretary and President-Elect
- By laws and membership roles are on the website

Tech at the Conference:

- Kristina bringing an OWL device and projector for Lucy Marshall and Michael Homer
- Thomas bringing a projector screen
- Hotel rooms also have projector screens

Site and Local Arrangements

- Bunker Sands – good to go (Haley coordinating)
- Kristina sent Menu list; waiting on response from hotel for final quote. Payment will be added to final bill.
- Site visit recommendations: Sponsor tables set up in dining area, Ballroom B. Board Room can be cut in half to save money. Kristina to schedule a virtual meeting with Hotel (Crystal) for Friday, October 27.
- Hotel Crystal sent updated room reservation information to Kristina. Need to confirm if lunch is covered in the hotel contract (it is in the schedule).

Finances:

- \$5k deposit is due prior to meeting.
- Thomas to transfer funds from Savings to Checking to cover deposit.
- Haley will coordinate Eventbrite money transfer. Eventbrite pay-outs – twice a month, 1st and 15th.
- Thomas will look into CD funds and what the fee is for money transfers.

Joint Mid-South 2025 Conference Motion:

- Collaborative effort. Increases government and student participation.
- 7-year rotational joint meeting between TAPMS and MSAPMS. First joint meeting will be in Arkansas in 2025.
- Host society will cover all costs and receive most profits.
- Texas attendees will still receive Texas CEU credits.
- Improve society network, professional development, and enhance membership.
- Sponsorship funds will be split between the two organizations.



- TAPMS concerns profit and attendance.
- *Brittany made a motion; Kelly seconded the motion, for TAPMS to join the Mid-South 2025 Conference. There were no objections.*

Mid-South APMS: MS/TAPMS joint meeting on 7 yr. rotation: MSAPMS to host first meeting (2025) and TAPMS to host 2nd in 2032.